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Vaccination of crews and steerage passengers required.

MANILA, P. I., *March 28, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that owing to the increase of smallpox in Manila and some other towns in the Philippine Islands, I am now enforcing vaccination of all crews and steerage passengers arriving at this port.

I have also directed Asst. Surg. L. D. Fricks and Asst. Surg. H. A. Stansfield to institute the same procedure at Iloilo and Cebu, respectively.

This work necessitates the employment of 2 additional temporary attendants, as vaccinators, at this station.

The vaccine virus is furnished by the board of health of Manila.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Smallpox in the island.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 10, 1901.*

SIR: Since my last report, dated March 5, 1901, concerning the smallpox situation in Porto Rico, I have the honor to say that the following cases have occurred to date: Ponce, 34; Ciales, 1; Aguas Buenas, 4; San Juan, 6; Isabela, 4; Manati, 1. Total, 50.

The disease continues of a mild type, only 2 confluent cases being reported. No deaths from the disease are reported.

Respectfully, H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *April 15, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended April 13: Four vessels were inspected and passed, and 7 bills of health were issued. The smallpox situation continues to improve slowly; 3 new cases and 8 recoveries were reported for the week, leaving 18 still under treatment, most of whom will be discharged soon.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended April 13, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 15, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 13, 1901: April 11, Spanish

steamship *Puerto Rico*, from Barcelona, Valencia, Torrevieja, Malaga, Gibraltar, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma, with 7 immigrants.

Respectfully, H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended April 13, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *April 15, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 13, 1901: April 13, Spanish steamship *Puerto Rico*, from Barcelona, Torrevieja, Malaga, Gibraltar, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, Santa Cruz, San Juan, P. R., Mayaguez, P. R., with 3 immigrants.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Another death from plague at Singapore.

SINGAPORE, *March 15, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that since the occurrence of 2 cases of plague on February 25 last, reported in my No. 183 of the 1st instant, only 1 case has since been reported, on the 6th of the current month, as per inclosed copy of letter from the colonial secretary of this colony. In regard to cholera, there have been no further cases reported since the 2d instant. The health condition of this city, in respect of these diseases, has certainly much improved and gives ground for hope that the precautionary measures taken by the authorities will prove successful in stamping them out.

Respectfully, J. M. CAMPBELL,
Acting United States Vice and Deputy Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Deaths at Singapore during February, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., *March 26, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith mortality report of Singapore for the month of February, 1901. This report was compiled by the registrar of births and deaths of Singapore and furnished this office by the United States consul-general at that city.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.